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SUBJECT: SECURITY SUPPORT FOR CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO OAS

REF: SANTIAGO 9341

1. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FACILITATE ENTRY OF CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO OAS AND HER SECURITY PERSONNEL ON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK.
2. NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE ONWARD TRAVEL OF THESE SECURITY OFFICERS, THEREFORE, THEIR WEAPONS WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED IN THEIR HOLD BAGGAGE.
3. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF ARMED SECURITY OFFICERS ABOARD U.S. CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT IS SET FORTH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE.
4. THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION HAS INITIATED NEW PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF ARMED SECURITY PERSONNEL ABOARD U.S. CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT. THESE PROCEDURES ARE SET FORTH IN AN AMENDMENT TO THE FAA REGULATION SECTION 121.585 WHICH BECOMES EFFECTIVE JUNE 20, 1975. IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THESE

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REGULATIONS THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MUST BE MET:

(A) CREDENTIALS - THE ARMED SECURITY OFFICER MUST HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION A CREDENTIAL THAT INCLUDES HIS CLEAR FULL FACED PICTURE, HIS SIGNATURE, THE SIGNATURE OF AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF HIS SERVICE OR THE OFFICE SEAL OF HIS SERVICE (A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WILL SUFFICE IN LIEU OF THE CREDENTIAL;)

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MUST CERTIFY TO THE FAA THAT THE SECURITY OFFICER HAS COMPLETED A COURSE OF TRAINING IN THE USE OF FIREARMS ACCEPTABLE TO THE FAA AND IS CURRENTLY QUALIFIED IN THE USE OF HIS WEAPON. THE ACCEPTABLE TRAINING COURSE IS ONE SIMILAR TO THAT UTILIZED BY SY OR ONE SUCH AS THE PPC USED BY THE FBI AND USSS OR A SIMILAR POLICE COURSE WHERE PROFICIENCY WITH THE CARRIED WEAPON IS DEMONSTRATED AT LEAST TWICE YEARLY;

(C) THE OFFICE OF SECURITY (SY/PIB) MUST BE FURNISHED WITH A COMPLETE ITINERARY WHICH SHOWS ALL FLIGHTS AND TRAVEL WITHIN THE U.S. SO THAT PROPER NOTIFICATION MAY BE MADE TO FAA AND APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES;

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ADVISED BY TELEGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE NAMES OF THE SECURITY OFFICERS, THE NUMBER OF THEIR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, THE COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION OF THE FIREARM WHICH THEY ARE CARRYING AND A STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THEY ARE PROFICIENT IN THE USE OF THEIR FIREARM.

5. THE CONTENTS OF THIS TELEGRAM SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE EMBASSY SO THAT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE VISITOR AND UNNECESSARY DELAY.

6. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE LAWS OF THE U.S. ARE VERY COMPLEX AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT ANY FOREIGN OFFICER PERMISSION TO CARRY A WEAPON WHILE IN THE U.S. IF THE HOLDER OF THE FIREARM HAS IN HIS POSSESSION A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, ARRANGEMENTS CAN USUALLY

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BE MADE TO PERMIT THE SECURITY OFFICER TO CARRY HIS FIREARM.

7. THE COMPANY POLICY OF SOME AIRLINES ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITS FOREIGNERS FROM CARRYING WEAPONS ABOARD THEIR AIRCRAFT AND THEIR DESIRES HAVE TO BE RESPECTED. IN THESE CASES THE WEAPON CAN ONLY BE CARRIED IN A LOCKED CONTAINER IN THE HOLD OF THE AIRCRAFT.

8. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO  
FOREIGN SECURITY OFFICERS TO MAKE THEIR TRAVEL AS PLEASANT  
AS POSSIBLE. ROBINSON

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